

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) A method of raising an immune response in an animal or human against a mycobacterium, the method comprising administering an effective amount of a polypeptide selected from:

- (i) a polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 24;
- (ii) a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to (i);
- (iii) a polypeptide having at least 70% amino acid identity to a polypeptide of (i) over 30 or more contiguous amino acids; which retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium or
- (iv) a fragment of a polypeptide of (i) comprising at least 12 amino acids which retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium and an epitope to said human or animal.

Claims 25-47. (Canceled).

48. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 80% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24

over 30 or more contiguous amino acids and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.

49. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 90% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over 30 or more contiguous amino acids and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.

50. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over 30 or more contiguous amino acids and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.

51. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 98% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over 30 or more contiguous amino acids and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.

52. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over its entire length and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.